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827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

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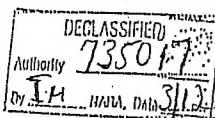
SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, Seventh Army,
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1. Transmitted herewith Unit History for month of January, 1945.

For the Battalion Commander:

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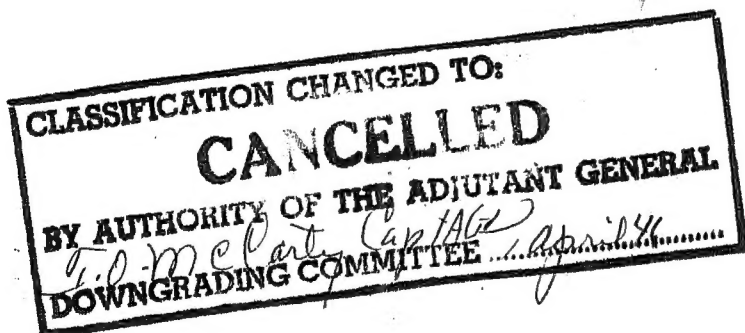
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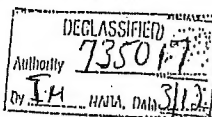
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UNIT HISTORY

On 1 January, 1945, (Auth: VOCC 12th Armored Division) "A" Company atchd 92nd Rcn Squadron; 2nd and 3rd platoons moved North, went into position near Grundviller and Lixing-St. Avold, respectively, supporting 92nd in counter-reconnaissance screen. (See Overlay #1).

On 2nd January, 1945, 1st Platoon, Company "A" and Headquarters Company moved North to Gros-Tenquin, behind 2nd and 3rd Platoons. (See Overlay #1).

On 6th January, 1945, Battalion attached (VOCC 7A) to "Wahl Task Force", formed as a counter measure against a three-pronged German drive against 7A center, toward HAGANAU, France, and SAVERNE, France. At 0010, 7 January, 1945 Battalion left NEBING, France, to join the Task Force in VI Corps (Battalion was relieved from attachment XV Corps and attached for operations to VI Corps per Letter Order, Hq 7A, "Attachment Orders", d and o, on 6 January, 1945). By 1000 hours, 7 January, 1945, Battalion closed in bivouac in BOSSENDORF, East of SAVERNE and South of HAGANAU. (See Overlay #2).

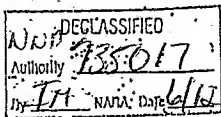
On 8th January, 1945, at 2130 hours, Battalion moved Northeast of HAGANAU, Bn CP, Headquarters Company and Reconnaissance Company stopping at NIEDERBETSCHDORF, "A" and "B" Companies at SOULTZ sur FORETS, with 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Rcn and "C" Companies respectively, and "C" Company at HERRON, immediately below infantry elements holding front line. Headquarters Company departed DNUZE at 1130 hours on 7 January, 1945, arriving at BOSSENDORF at 1400 hours. (See Overlay #2).

First commitment came on 8 January, 1945; at 0300 hours, Company "A", was placed in support of 315th Infantry CT, Company "B" with 68th Armored Infantry, Company "C" with 313th CT, and occupied positions about ten (10) miles West of the Rhine River in the Alsacian bulge. (See Overlay #2).

One officer (1st Lt) KIA in vicinity East of HOFFEN, France, by an 88 which also destroyed one M-18 destroyer being led into position. Other two destroyers of same platoon knocked out two (2) German tanks. One destroyer knocked out a machine gun nest in same skirmish. Bn CP plus 2nd and 3rd Rcn Platoons then moved to BIBLISHEIM, France. (See Overlay #2).

During 9th January, 1945, an armored threat developed in vicinity of HATTAN, France. Orders were received directing 827th and 813th TD Battalions to operate jointly in "Wahl Task Force". Joint TD team, plus 242nd Infantry, destroyed nine (9) German tanks (Mark IVs). (See Overlay #2).

Company "B" (827th TD Bn) participated in two engagements on 10 January 1945, in vicinity of HATTAN, France. Results: three (3) M-18s lost, 15 EM MIA, and one officer WIA, three (3) Mark IVs (probables) destroyed, 19 Germans KIA.



UNIT HISTORY, 827TH Tank Destroyer Bn., (Continued)

On the same date one platoon of Company "A", took up positions near SOUFFENEAU, France, overlooking the Rhine River. Company "C", was pinned down by enemy artillery fire, resulting in loss of one (1) 1/4-ton vehicle and two (2) EM KIA. (See Overlay #2).

On 11th January, 1945, at 0130 hours, Company "A", marched from RITTERSHOFFEN to HOFFEN, France, under heavy enemy artillery fire, completing the march at 0230, and taking up positions South of town in LEITTISWEILLER Sector. One platoon of Company "B", received official credit for destroying four (4) Mark IVs while suffering no damage for that particular day. (See Overlay #2).

On 12th January, 1945, one platoon of Company "A", took positions of readiness in the vicinity of RITTERSHOFFEN. One EM KIA, two (2) Mark IVs knocked out and one enemy machine gun nest destroyed. Two platoons of Company "B", plus one Rcn platoon, was isolated (two officers and approximately 60 EM) in vicinity of HATTAN, France. (See Overlay #2).

On 14th January, 1945, one platoon (Composed of EM from "A" and "B" Companies) was employed in street fighting in town of RITTERSHOFFEN. No tanks fired upon. Work of destroyers consisted of shelling buildings and driving enemy therefrom. One (1) M-18 and one (1) 1/4-ton, complete with OVML W 3206330300 and SCR 610, destroyed by enemy shell fire. Part of isolated platoon evacuated and replaced during the night. (See overlay #2).

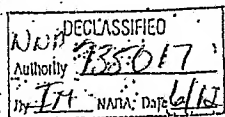
One officer (Captain) WIA on 16 January, 1945, by enemy shell fire. Company "A" lost one (1) M-18 at RITTERSHOFFEN due to enemy shell; reinforcements were sent into HATTAN for isolated platoon. (See Overlay #2).

On 17th January, 1945, Company "A'S" CP moved to SERBURG, France, and took up gun positions in woods South of HATTAN, knocking out two (2) German tanks at range of 1400 yards. Other reinforcements sent to isolated platoon. Officer and some members of originally isolated were returned to Bn CP for rest. Two (2) tanks knocked out just before dark Southeast of OBERROEDERN by 813th Infantry-Artillery team in "A" Company's sector. (See Overlay #2).

On 18th January, 1945, two M-18s were hit by enemy fire. One destroyer burned and crew was reported lost. Other destroyer did not burn and no personnel was lost. One platoon of Company "A", neutralized enemy activity in church steeple at SESSENHEIM by firing on steeple. One (1) EM WIA. (See Overlay #2).

On 20th January, 1945, Battalion received orders to march vicinity of WAHLENHEIM-BERNOLSHEIM, and companies were to withdraw from infantry commanders to which they were attached. Bn was relieved from Task Force "Wahl" and reverted to VI Corps Reserve as of 22 January, 1945. CP Group moved (1600-1700) to WAHLENHEIM with Rcn Headquarters. Rcn Hq and Bn Maintenance established bivouac in WAHLENHEIM: CP Group moved to BERNOLSHEIM, Closing at 2000 hours, establishing CP there. "C" Company moved to HAGANAU; "A" and "B" Companies moved to BATZENDORF.

On 23rd January, 1945, Bn CP moved to WASSELONE, also "A" and "B" Companies. "C", Hq and 1st platoon Rcn moved to Haegan. Two days later Bn CP, A, B and



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Rcn moved to WIWERSHEIM. (See Overlay #2).

On 27th January, 1945, at 1500 hours, Bn CP departed WIWERSHEIM and closed in STUTZHEIM at 1530 hours.

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13 Jan

CP's	Operations	Ammo expended
A Co--Leiterswiller	No change	0
B Co--Obertstehdorf	No change	0
C Co--Leiterswiller	No change	0
Rcn--Biblisheim		0
Hq--Haganau		0

14 Jan

~~xxxx~~ CP's--all same.

Operations--~~xxxx~~ One platoon composed partially of A, partly of B Co men and destroyers under Lt. McNeil was employed during the period in street fighting in town of RITTERSHOFFEN. No tanks fired upon. Work of destroyers consisted of shelling buildings and driving enemy therefrom.

Destroyer M-18 USA No 40193877 (C 10) ignited by shell fire or tracer in position 178.358. The vehicle burned; no casualties.

One 1-ton vehicle complete with OVML W3206330300 (Rcn 16), including SCR 610 radio, destroyed by enemy shell fire, position 178.324.

Ammo expended--A Co, 25 APC, 60 HE; B Co, 25 APC, 52 HE.

Part of isolated platoon in HATTAN evacuated and replaced during night.

15 Jan

CP's--all same.

Operations--A Co--Lt. McNeil evacuated from platoon fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN due to trench foot, and sent to hospital. Lt. Kelly took ~~xxxx~~ Lt. McNeil's place with platoon.

B Co--Capt. Sullivan injured by gunfire, evacuated to hospital. Lt. G. Young assumed command of company.

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C Co--No change.

Ammo expended--A Co--8 APC, 10 HE

16 Jan

CP's--all same.

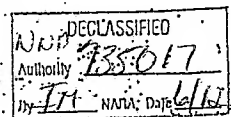
Events--A Co--1 M-18 damaged by artillery shell and seared by flame-throwing tank. Lt. Kelly's platoon continued firing in RITTERSHOFFEN.

B Co--Lt. Chase and Pioneer Platoon Sgt sent into HATTAN as reinforcements for isolated platoon. No transfer involved.

C Co--Lt. Farnham, from Repl. Depot, joined C Co as Exec O. Lt. Sourenian alerted to take eight men into HATTAN to ~~xxxx~~ relieve remainder of isolated platoon not yet evacuated.

Hq Co--Lt. Kowolowski, from Repl. Depot, joined Hq Co as Exec O. Lt. Valentine trfd to Rcn Co as Co Cmdr.

Ammo expended--A Co--70 APC, 90 HE; B Co--74 APC, 50 HE.



BN HISTORY--17 Jan 45

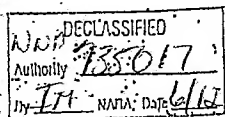
CP's--A Co moved to Surzburg, others same.

Events--A Co--Two guns located in woods So. HATTAN knocked out two German Mark Four's at range of 1400 yards vicinity south side of HATTAN, verified by A Co Cmdr, who saw tanks burning.

B Co--Lt. Sourenian and 6 EM entered HATTAN to reinforce isolated B Company platoon. Radio reports they arrived but no further details. Lt. Jones ~~platoon commander of HATTAN~~ and seven EM, who had been ~~with~~ in HATTAN since platoon entered, were brought back to B Co CP for rest.

C Co--Two tanks knocked out just before dark S.E. of Oberroerden. Combined action of guns of this bn, 813 TD, and Infantry-Artillery team.

Ammo expended--A Co--7 APC, 0 HE; B Co--10 ~~HE~~ APC, 12 HE; C Co--8 APC, 5 HE.



Bn History
18 Jan 45

CP's--no change.

Events--A Co--1st platoon--In Bridgehead sector, R 217.220 and vicinity, two destroyers hit by enemy artillery fire. One destroyer burned and crew reported lost. Other destroyer did not burn, and no personnel lost in it. This platoon earlier in day fired on church steeple in SESSENHEIM. Guns fired 32 rounds evidently neutralizing enemy activity in steeple. Sgt Washington WIA, shell fragment.

B Co--Lt. Jones reported to Bn CO. Lt. Jones had been in HATTAN with B Company platoon from 10 Jan until 17 Jan. He reported platoon knocked out three enemy tanks on 10 Jan, after which platoon covered ~~an~~ road block ^{OUT HATTAN} for next two days, fighting off all attempts by enemy armor to penetrate there. One of the destroyers suffered a direct hit ~~when~~ after firing prematurely at an approaching tank and disclosing position. Destroyer was able to back to a cover position, and none of crew was lost. Steering mechanism of this destroyer was ~~xxx~~ damaged, and the vehicle is still in HATTAN. For remainder of time Lt. Jones was in HATTAN, destroyers remaining were used ~~xxx~~ to cover ~~road blocks~~ ^{NOTES OF INGRESS}.

T/5 Kinnebrew was killed about 14 Jan by mortar fire. One other enlisted man was wounded by small arms fire or shrapnel.

Lt. Jones also reported artillery burst killed Lt. Brescia on 10 Jan, and platoon knocked out one armored car and damaged three tanks, in addition to knocking out three tanks.

C Co--no change.

Ammo expended--A Co--15 APC, 32 HE; others, none.


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01824718	Winter, Bernard Joe (1)	1st Lt	FA	KIA	8 Jan 45	Z	1222	Hoffen, France
01821817	Brescia, Louis (1)	1st Lt	FA	KIA	10 Jan 45	Z	1222	Hattan, France
32234258	Brimm, George S. (2)	S/Sgt	FA	KIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	Hattan, France
34325700	Jewett, Charles E. (2)	S/Sgt	FA	KIA	14 Jan 45	Z	821	Hattan, France
01822236	Caw, Frank O. (1)	Capt	CAV	SWA	8 Jan 45	Z	1222	Leiterswiller France
01824605	Gamble, Gerald R. (1)	1st Lt	FA	SWA	12 Jan 45	Z	1222	Leiterswiller France
01825936	Teske, Orville K. (1)	2nd Lt	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	1222	Hattan France
34177551	Dickens, Louis F. (2)	Sgt	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	Hattan, France
34252168	Enoch, Zach W. (2)	Sgt	FA	SWA	7 Jan 45	Z	610	Hoffen, France
34092782	McCrea, Richard M. (2)	Tec 4	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	Hattan, France
37515821	Browning, Parr Jr. (2)	Cpl	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	Leiterswiller France
34166703	Hill, Nathion (2)	Cpl	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	Hattan, France

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34273743	Davis, Louis H.		(2)	Tec 5	FA	LIA	8 Jan 45	Z	345	Hagenau, France
34273722	Buttler, Christo		(2)	Pfc	FA	LIA	8 Jan 45	Z	345	Leiterswiller France
38436715	Johnson, James E.		(2)	Pfc	FA	SWA	13 Jan 45	Z	610	Leiterswiller France
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34069845	Persons, John Jr.		(2)	Pfc	FA	SWA	8 Jan 45	Z	610	Leiterswiller France
34941360	Lawrence, Charles		(2)	Pvt	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	745	Hattan, France
38080949	Mitchell, Vercell		(2)	Pvt	FA	SWA	8 Jan 45	Z	745	Hattan, France
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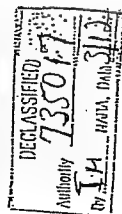
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34405961	Barnes, James C. (2)	Cpl	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
35028052	Watts, William (2)	Cpl	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
34966735	Watkins, Columbus (2)	Tec 5	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
38137646	Norris, Robert L. (2)	Pfc	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
38137525	Hurd, R. B. (2)	Pfc	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
35744553	Henderson, William B. (2)	Pfc	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /
38048756	Stone, Melvin (2)	Pfc	FA	MIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France South of Hattan /

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34067274	Kinnebrew, Sylvester	(2)	Pfc	FA	KIA	14 Jan 45	Z	610	France
35428187	Shepherd, Bernard E.	(2)	Cpl	FA	LIA	16 Jan 45	Z	610	France
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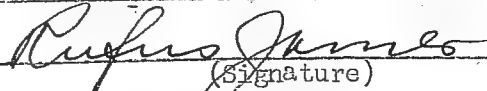
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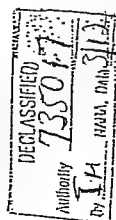
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	Fr SWA 15 Jan 45 to DOW. Previous BC Status of SWA reported on BCR No. 6, dated 19 Jan 45.							
20266156	Redwyne, Theodore S. (2)	Sgt	FA	KIA	17 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34069313	Washington, Sharon R. (2)	Sgt	FA	LIA	18 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34068933	Whitehead, John E. (2)	Tec 4	FA	LIA	16 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34166762	Box, Robert J. (2)	Cpl	FA	LIA	18 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34166728	Bradley, Willie (2)	Tec 5	FA	LIA	18 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34119566	Brown, Charlie A. (2)	Cpl	FA	LIA	18 Jan 45	Z	610	France
3035891	Drew, Leo (2)	Cpl	FA	LIA	16 Jan 45	Z	610	France
34166708	Hill, Nathan (2)	Cpl	FA	LIA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France
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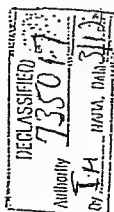
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34251957	Kirby, Robert J. (2)	Pfc	FA	SWA	10 Jan 45	Z	610	France
35691179	Southerling, Jaytee (2)	Pfc	FA	SWA	11 Jan 45	Z	610	France
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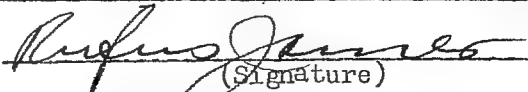
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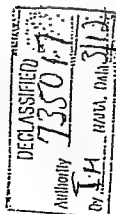
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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT OF
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION (SP)
(Designation of Unit)

27 January 1945
(Date)

ASN	NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	*TYPE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY	**FLYING OR JUMP STATUS	DUTY CODE	REMARKS (Place of Casualty)
34166580	Steele, Nathaniel, Jr. (2)	Tec 4	FA	RTD	25 Jan 45	Z	660	France
	Fr LNA 24 Dec 44 to RTD. Previous BC Status of LNA reported on BCR No. 2, dated 25 Dec 44.							
34068065	Gainer, Frank (2)	Cpl	FA	RTD	25 Jan 45	Z	610	France
	Fr SWA 10 Jan 45 to RTD. Previous BC Status of SWA reported on BCR No. 4, dated 16 Jan 45.							

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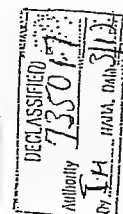
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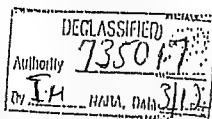
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HEADQUARTERS 79TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 79 U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....11)

19 January 1945

E X T R A C T

II. Award of Bronze Medal.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain DOUGLAS H. SULLIVAN, 024169, Field Artillery, 827th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 January 1945 in France. When a German bomb set fire to a truck containing thirty-five rounds of 8" howitzer ammunition and two boxes of fuses, Captain SULLIVAN jumped on the truck and commenced to unload the fuses. He was immediately joined by another man and shortly after, by four more. Together, they unloaded the entire vehicle. This was accomplished despite the fact that the truck was burning furiously and the fire had eaten into the truck bed containing the ammunition. By his prompt action and initiative, Captain SULLIVAN prevented an explosion that would have caused many casualties among both civilian and military personnel. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the armed forces of the United States.

By command of Major General WYCHE:

KRAMER THOMAS,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

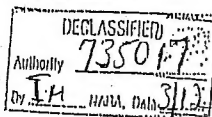
OFFICIAL:

/s/ John H. Hansen
/t/ JOHN H. HANSEN,
Lt Col., A. G. D.,
Adjutant General

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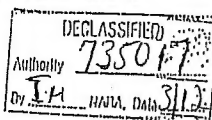
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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
AS OF 31 JANUARY 1945

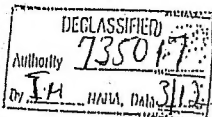
Lt Col.	VANDER ZWIEP, Phillip J.	0287932	
Major	FRASER, Carl A.	0230548	
Major	HARTUNG, George W.	0370937	
Captain	CAW, Frank O.	01822236	SWA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/8/45.
Captain	COX, Louie C.	0403556	
Captain	DAIUTOLO, Carmen E.	01821689	
Captain	LAMOS, Adrian C.	0492016	
Captain	MAYO, Willie A.	01169233	
Captain	McMILLIN, Lester D.	01168373	
Captain	SULLIVAN, Douglas H.	0024169	SWA 15 Jan 45. DOW 16 Jan 45.
Captain	VINCENT, Louis P.	01824103	
1st Lt	BRESCIA, Louis	01821817	KIA 10 Jan 45.
1st Lt	CALLAHAN, Louis J.	01824277	
1st Lt	CHASE, Alden E.	01823405	
1st Lt	FINK, Robert D.	01178363	
1st Lt	GAMBLE, Gerald R.	01824605	SWA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/12/45.
1st Lt	KRESS, Richard E.	01182623	
1st Lt	McMASTERS, Donald G.	01168372	
1st Lt	McNEIL, Lincoln C.	0349409	SIA--Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/14/45.
1st Lt	ROSENBAUM, Harold E.	01822192	SI---Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/7/45.
1st Lt	TRONE, Kenneth W.	01821935	
1st Lt	VALENTINE, Maurice H.	01824396	
1st Lt	WINTER, Bernard J.	01824718	KIA 8 Jan 45.
1st Lt	WOODS, Lloyd C.	01822350	

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS, 827th TD Bn, as of 31 Jan 45.

1st Lt YOUNG, George F.	01824409
2nd Lt BAKER, Ralph R.	01184523
2nd Lt DETWILER, James W.	01825098
2nd Lt JONES, Robert F.	0523726
2nd Lt KELLY, Arthur L.	01185230 SI Trfd to Det of Pnts, 7A NBC 1/23/45
2nd Lt MONTGOMERY, Ross H.	01185243
2nd Lt SMALL, James D.	0523408
2nd Lt SOURENIAN, Hrant	01824699 SIA. Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/21/45.
2nd Lt TESKE, Orville K.	01825936 SWA. Trfd Det of Pnts, 7A BC 1/10/45.
2nd Lt TONER, Richard F.	01824706
2nd Lt YOUNG, Lester S.	01184973
Captain HALL, James R.	0407577 Asgd & jd per par 7, SO #26, Hq 12 AD dtd 29 Jan 45.
1st Lt DELL, Charles E.	01824490 Asgd & Jd per par 8, SO #21, Hq 7A dtd 21 Jan 45.
2nd Lt FARNHAM, Rodger W.	0524507 Asgd and jd per par 2, SO #12, Hq 12th AD, APO 262, dtd 15 Jan 45.
2nd Lt KOWOLOWSKI, Ed F.	01824043 Asgd and jd per par 2, SO #12, Hq 12th AD, APO 262, dtd 15 Jan 45.



HEADQUARTERS 827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758 U. S. Army

10 February 1945

UNIT JOURNAL

On 10 January, 1945, following telephone message was received from Bn S-3: "Following casualties from "B" Company are reported: 15 EM, MIA, 1 EM, KIA, 1 Off WIA, 3 German tanks knocked out, 6 M-18s operational. Company fired HE into enemy infantry and machine gun nests."

On 11 January, 1945, CP Gp plus atchd Rcn personnel departed original site in BIBLISHEIM. "A" Company was ordered to move 4 M-18s to positions in RITTERSHOFFEN. (See M-1 and M-2).

On 16 January, 1945, Officers and crew (including supplies) departed Bn CP as reinforcements for isolated troops in HATTEN.

On 17 January, 1945, report was received that EM, Co. "A", had knocked out two (2) tanks; overlay received showing gun positions. At 1505 hours, Bn received "Red Alert".

On 20 January, 1945, Officer reported at Bn CP with oral orders for Bn CP plus Rcn to move to WAHLENHEIM (by infiltration) at 1525 hours; Bn began movement at prescribed hour, closing in WAHLENHEIM at 1700 hours. At 1915 hours, CP Gp, less Bn Maint., moved to BERNOLSHEIM, closing in at 2000 hours. Entire Bn closed in BERNOLSHEIM by 2130 hours.

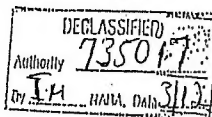
On 22 January, 1945, telephone call was received stating that Bn reverted to control of 12th Armd Div (See M5 and O3); message also received attaching one company to 79th Infantry Division. "A" Company (nine (9) M-18s plus Rcn Platoon) received, relieving Bn from atchmt VI Corps, atchd to 12th Armd Div for Opns; remains with 7A for Administration and Supply (See O5--Order #5). Later on same date note received from Bn S-3, stating that six (6) TDs had been put in position in KALTENHOUSE.

On 23 January, 1945, Company "A", was relieved from atchmt with 79th Inf. Div and reverted to control of parent unit. (Auth: OI #23, VI Corps). At 1645 Bn began move to WASSELONE, closing in at 2030 hours.

On 25 January, 1945, Bn cleared WASSELONE at 1730, closing in WIWERSHEIM at 1830 hours.

On 26 January, 1945, Bn received Operational Overlay from 12th Armd Div regarding plans for employing Division in attack. Bn ordered to initiate reconnaissance for positions in which to support Division attacks.

On 27 January, 1945, Bn began movement from WIWERSHEIM at 1500, closing in STUTZHEIM at 1535 hours.



HEADQUARTERS
827TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION
APO 758, U. S. Army

15 February, 1945.

C-O-O-R-D-I-N-A-T-E-S

(All coordinates taken from Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, VERDUN-WISSENBURG,
First Edition, Sheet 57).

<u>NAMES:</u>	<u>COORDINATES:</u>
Saverne, France	Q73 05
Hagenau, France	R03 24
Nebing, France	Q32 34
Bossendorf, France	Q88 21
Soultz sur Forets, France	R13 38
Niederbetschdorf, France	R13 33
Dieuze, France	Q25 25
Hoffen, France	R15 38
Biblisheim, France	R04 33
Hattan, France	R18 34
Souffeneau, France	R17 26
Rittershoffen, France	R14 34
Leitersweiler, France	R14 35
Surburg, France	R08 35
Oberroedern, France	R15 36
Sessenheim, France	R19 24
Wahlenheim, France	Q94 19
Bernolsheim, France	Q95 15
Batzendorf, France	Q99 21

Wasselone, Wiwersheim, and Stutzheim, France, found just below Southern-
Central border of same map.